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Corps of Engineers lowers floodfight alert to Phase I

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 21, 2005 – Based on falling river levels on both the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and no immediate forecasts for significant rainfall, the Memphis District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lowered its level of floodfighting activities to Phase I at 7 a.m. today. Emergency field offices in Cape Girardeau and Caruthersville, Mo., and Dyersburg, Tenn., were closed and patrols of flood control works were reduced to once daily.

The lands affected by the current high water are located along the Mississippi River on the west bank Scott City, Missouri, to the Arkansas-Missouri state line and on the east bank from Cairo, Illinois.

During Phase I floodfight activities, Corps of Engineers personnel will continue to monitor all federal flood control works including levees, flood walls and pumping stations.

The Memphis District currently has no plans to activate floodfight activities on any portions of the Mississippi River above Rosedale, Miss., or the mouth of the White River in Arkansas.